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SUBJECT: OAS - RECONVENED MEETING OF PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1. PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (CEPCIES) RECONVENED FEBRUARY 18 TO CONTINUE THE SESSION WHICH WAS SUSPENDED LAST DECEMBER. IN ADDITION TO A NUMBER OF HOUSEKEEPING DETAILS IN PREPARATION FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL MEETING OF IA-ECOSOC STARTING MARCH 10, CEPCIES ALSO CONSIDERED THE REPORT WHICH CEPCIES IS TO MAKE TO ECOSOC. THE REPORT, WHOSE SUBSTANTIVE PART IS AN ANALYSIS OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE WORLD AND IN THE HEMISPHERE DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR WAS INITIALLY PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, ESPECIALLY VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR OBJECTED IN THE DECEMBER MEETING TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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IDENTIFICATION OF THE RAPID RISES IN OIL PRICES AS A MAJOR

ELEMENT IN THAT SITUATION. A WORKING GROUP WAS NAMED TO REVISE THE DOCUMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE COMMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE. THOUGH THE US WAS NAMED TO THE WORKING GROUP, WE DID NOT PARTICIPATE BECAUSE WE FELT THAT THE WORKING GROUP APPROACH WAS INAPPROPRIATE TO THE PRODUCTION OF A TECHNICAL ECONOMIC REPORT AND WE SO STATED IN THE DECEMBER MEETING. (SOME CHOSE TO INTERPRET OUR NON-

PARTICIPATION AS PIQUE OVER THE PERMANENT COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE TRADE ACT AND THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS.)

2. THE DOCUMENT PRODUCED BY THE WORKING GROUP CONFIRMED OUR FEARS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF A DOCUMENT PRODUCED IN THIS WAY. IN ADDITION TO A NUMBER OF FACTUAL ERRORS, THE DOCUMENT PRESENTS A BIASED VIEW OF THE DEBATE ON THE TRADE ACT, AS WELL AS INADEQUATE TREATMENT OF THE US POSITION ON SEVERAL OTHER ISSUES. MORE FUNDAMENTALLY, THE DOCUMENT, ALTHOUGH MENTIONING RISES IN OIL PRICES, DILUTES THEIR IMPORTANCE, AND FAILS TO ANALYSE ADEQUATELY THE IMPLICATIONS OF THOSE PRICE RISES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE. THE US STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE REPORT IN THOSE TERMS, AND INDICATED THAT WE COULD NOT APPROVE THE REPORT. A REQUEST THAT OUR POSITION BE ATTACHED TO THE REPORT WAS REJECTED, BY VOICE VOTE, (NICARAGUA ALONE SUPPORTED US) THOUGH WE WERE TOLD THAT WE COULD SUBMIT A SEPARATE STATEMENT, AND THAT OUR POSITION WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE REPORT OF THE MEETING. THE US INSISTED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ITS VIEWS BEING SOMEHOW ATTACHED TO THE REPORT ITSELF, AND SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARIAT A ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF OUR POSITION. THUS THE DOCUMENT WILL CONTAIN A FOOTNOTE EXPLAINING OUR NON-APPROVAL OF THE REPORT AND A CROSS REFERENCE TO OUR VIEWS WHICH WILL BE CONTAINED IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

3. AS A HELP IN RESPONDING TO POSSIBLE CRITICISM OF THE US POSITION, AND OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKING GROUP AND IN THE CEPCIES ITSELF, THE TEXT OF THE US STATEMENT (WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED AS A SEPARATE OAS UNCLASSIFIED

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DOCUMENT) FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL THIS SOMEWHAT DETAILED ACCOUNT OF LAST WEEK'S MEETING. KISSINGER

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